

I am writing to oppose the proposed rule changes to allow media conglomerates to monopolize individual media markets. I live in one of the markets the Tribune Company is attempting to monopolize. First, let's look at the rule changes that let companies own as many radio stations as they want. You can't find anyone outside Clear Channel who will tell you that has improved radio. In fact, it's destroying radio. I no longer listen to any Hartford radio stations because it's all inane, commercial driven drivel aimed solely at not offending anyone enough to turn off the radio. I listen to a Springfield radio station because they have interesting local (not to me, but at least it's interesting!) coverage. For the most part, however, there is no local information on radio anymore.

Information is essential in a democracy, and the less sources we have for information, the less freedom we have. We cease being members of a free society, becoming puppets of those that control the information we are given.

I know the comment period for this issue is over, however, I did not find out about it until after the comment period is over. This foreshadows what will happen if this proposal is approved.